



Letter from the Principal

Date: 2/24/2021

Dear Parents / Guardians,

EdChoice Expansion Scholarship

If you are a parent planning on applying for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship for next year, **PLEASE RETURN THAT INFORMATION TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** The only window to apply for this scholarship will be closing soon. If you have any questions, please call the School Office and we will be happy to assist you. The Ohio Department of Education **has increased the amount for eligibility** for this scholarship to 250% above poverty level. For example: a Family of 4 whose household income is \$66,250 or less are now eligible. This scholarship is first come - first served and once the scholarship funds have been allocated, no more applications will be accepted for the upcoming school year. Because of the increase in eligibility funds are expected to max out.

Kindergarten Screening

A FREE Kindergarten developmental readiness screening for all children will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School. Any child who will be 5 years of age by September 30th, 2021 and lives in Van Wert County or the surrounding area, is invited to attend. Screening appointments can be set up for **Monday, March 1st, Tuesday, March 2nd, Monday, March 8th, or Tuesday, March 9th screenings will run from 3:30pm – 5:30pm.** Please call St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School Office at 419-238-5186 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to set up a screening appointment. Time slots are limited.

Scholastic Book Fair: Saturday, February 27th – Friday, March 5th

We are hosting our book fair in the gymnasium starting Saturday, February 27th. The Book Fair will be open on Saturday, February 27th after the 4:00pm Mass and on Sunday, February 28th after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The Book Fair hours during the week are Monday through Thursday 7:30am – 8:15am and 3:05pm – 3:30pm, and Friday 7:30am – 8:30am. We hope that you will take an opportunity to stop by and pick up some books for your children or even yourself. Books are available for readers of all ages. Also, part of the proceeds from our Book Fair comes back to our school and helps us purchase new books for the classrooms and library.

Online Book Fair - If you are unable to make it to the Book Fair, you are still in luck. There is an online portion of our Book Fair that runs from Wednesday, February 24th through Saturday, March 6th. Any online purchase will be credited to our school and contribute to more Scholastic dollars for our teachers to use to purchase new books for their classrooms. You simply need to go to the following website: www.scholastic.com/fair, enter our zip code (45891), and St. Mary Assumption Catholic Book Fair.

End of 3rd Quarter – Friday, March 12th is the end of the 3rd Quarter. Your child(ren) should bring home their report cards on Wednesday, March 24th. **Students whose Tuition and/or Latchkey payments are not up-to-date will have their report cards held until payment is made.** If you are not sure if your tuition payments or other charges are current, please call the School Office at 419-238-5186 and we will be able to answer any questions. If you are experiencing difficulties with making these payments, please contact me so an alternative plan can be arranged.

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Right to Read Week – March 1st – March 5th

Right to Read Week runs Monday, March 1st through Friday, March 5th. We have lots of fun activities planned to help encourage the students to become better readers. We have attached a separate agenda to this newsletter for you to help keep up with all the events of the week.

Sunday, February 28th

Read-A-Thon Ends – Sunday, Feb. 28th is the last day to record minutes for the Read-A-Thon.

Monday, March 1st

Read-A-Thon Collection – Students should make sure they have collected all Read-A-Thon Pledges.

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, March 2nd

Read-A-Thon Pledge and Log Sheets Due – Students should turn in all Read-A-Thon pledges and their Minutes reading log sheet to be counted toward the totals for all prizes.

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

School Council Meeting - The March School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday, March 5th

Book Fair Closes – The Scholastic Book Fair will close at 8:30am.

Drawing God book orders are due.

Monday, March 8th

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, March 9th

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Readiness Screenings at School from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Call the School Office to schedule an appointment.

Friday, March 12th

School Confessions – School Confessions for Grades 2nd – 6th starting at 10:15am.

End of 3rd Quarter

Sunday, March 14th

Daylight Savings Time - Reminder to turn your clocks **AHEAD** 1 hour.

Monday, March 15th – Friday, March 19th

NO SCHOOL – WE WILL BE ON SPRING BREAK THE WHOLE WEEK.

Wednesday, March 17th

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Monday, March 22nd

Monthly & Quarterly Tuition Payments Due – Due to School being out of session for Spring Break, March tuition payment will not be due until March 22nd. This is the second to last payment for the school year. After next month's April payment, all balances should be at \$0.

Chicken Dinner Tickets and "Royals Cash" Raffle Tickets - Today starts both our Chicken Dinner Ticket and "Royals Cash" Raffle Ticket sales campaign for the 2021 Benefit Auction. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns this year's Benefit Auction is going to be an Online Auction. However, we are doing carry out BBQ Chicken Dinners and Facebook Live Cash Raffle and Golf Cart Raffle on Saturday, April 17th. One of the best and easiest ways that you can help make this year's auction a success is by selling as many tickets as you can. More information and details will come home with the tickets. This school fundraiser is extremely important as it has generated over \$50,000 the last couple of years and 100% of the proceeds go to our school.

Tuesday, March 23rd

Benefit Auction Meeting – We will have a final Benefit Auction meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm in the gym. This meeting is designed to review all items and details to make sure we are all squared away for the Auction.

Wednesday, March 24th

Grade Cards Sent Home – Students Grade Cards should come home on Wednesday, March 24th. Please make sure all Tuition and Latchkey bills are up to date.

Wednesday, March 31st

Stations of the Cross – Grades 2nd – 6th will go through the Stations of the Cross in Church at 10:30am.

Thursday, April 1st

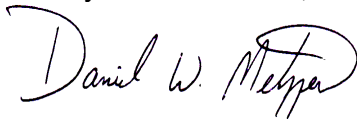
Benefit Auction Items – The St. Mary of the Assumption Auction Committee is asking that any donation items please be turned in by this date. This really helps us getting everything ready for the Auction. We will try our best to get all items into the Auction however, we cannot guarantee any donations made after April 1st will make it into this year's auction.

Saturday, April 3rd – Saturday, April 17th

The St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Auction will be held Online this year. Bidding opens at 12:01am Saturday, April 3rd and will close at 3:00pm Saturday, April 17th. We are currently entering Auction Items to the website.

Auction Link: <https://www.32auctions.com/StMarysRoyals2021>

Thank you and God bless,



Mr. Daniel Metzger
Principal-Minister